

SLAVS END THEIR CAUCASUS DRIVE

Czar's Army Quits for Winter After Driving Turks from 40-Mile Front.

CAPTURED MANY PRISONERS

Russians Prepared to Go Into Camp on Plains Until Spring—More Italians Into Albania.

London, Feb. 1.—After having driven the Turks from a region about forty miles in length in Asiatic Turkey, to the west of Lake Van, and put them to retreat down the Mush Valley, the Russians seemingly have ceased their operations in this particular vicinity for the winter.

It is announced by Petrograd that the Russians here will be able to leave the regions of the mountains and descend into the plains, "which are favorable for the encampment of our troops for the period of the winter."

Captured Much War Material.

Large number of prisoners were taken by the Russians in their drive of the Turks, in addition to heavy guns, machine guns and other war material.

The Russian official communication confirms previous statements that the Turks to the northwest of this region have been driven into the fortifications of Erzerum.

There has been little fighting of moment in any of the war theaters except by the artillery.

Germans Hold Captured Ground.

German positions at Steenstraete, to the south of Rove, and to the north of St. Michiel, have come under the guns of the Entente Allies on the Western line, and considerable damage has been done.

The last French communication does not mention fighting in the vicinity of Neuville or south of the Somme, where positions recently were captured by the Germans. The Berlin report, however, says these positions have been held against repeated French attacks.

From northwest of Riga to the middle Stripa there has been a considerable bombardment by the Germans of various Russian towns and positions. Petrograd reports the surrounding by the Russians of an Austrian detachment in the middle Stripa and the annihilation of most of the Austrians, the remainder being captured.

A CONCRETE WALL BURNED

Fire in Pennsylvania Coal Mine Couldn't Be Stopped by Barrier 15 Feet Thick.

Lansford, Pa., Feb. 1.—The famous mine fire which has been raging now for more than sixty years and which started at Summit Hill, near the spot where Phillip Ginter discovered anthracite coal in 1791, has burned through the immense concrete wall which the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company sank in front of it, deep down into the earth several years ago at a cost of more than \$1,000,000. It is now threatening the mammoth vein in the Panther creek valley, the largest and richest vein of anthracite in the world.

The wall, which was sunk into the ground 100 feet, was fifteen feet thick, of solid concrete, and experts believed that the subterranean fire would never eat through it, but that it would prevent it from spreading any further and eventually extinguish it. The fact that the flames have eaten through this huge barrier has caused grave fears among the Lehigh Coal and Navigation officials, who are now putting forth every possible effort to prevent the fire from getting into the vast beds of anthracite in the vicinity.

CHINESE REBELLION GROWS

Province of Kweichow Insurgents Against Yuan Shi Kai—Reported Marching on Peking.

Peking, Feb. 1.—The province of Kweichow is in full rebellion. The governor was forced to flee January 16, and communications have been interrupted. It is reported that Luchow and Teelutings have been captured by the revolutionists.

The American gunboat Monocacy is at Chungkin, on the Yangtze Kiang river about ninety miles to the northeast of Luchow. The commander has notified Dr. Paul Samuel Reinsch, the American minister to China, that all is quiet in the neighborhood and that a zone has been outlined within which the Monocacy will protect foreigners who are threatened.

MANY DIE IN CALIFORNIA FLOOD

A Bursting Dam Allows a Wall of Water 30 Feet High to Sweep Through Valley.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 29.—At least fifty persons were believed to have been killed late yesterday when the lower dam of the San Diego water works system in the Otay Valley, south of here, broke under the heavy pressure of the flood waters.

A wall of water thirty feet high was released.

Sweeping down the valley, the great flood of water carried people, live stock and valuable farm property to destruction.

Scores of residents were missing tonight. Houses on twenty-five ranches were swept away.

The first news of the disaster reached here late today. There has been no communication with the district since the disaster occurred, as all wires were down and roads impassable.

Eleven billion gallons of water were released by the break. An area fifteen miles wide and two miles long is devastated. Among those reported drowned are twenty-five Japanese men, women and children.

Another dam is under severe strain and its collapse was regarded tonight as a possibility. Work of rescue is proceeding slowly.

The property loss will amount to at least 1 million dollars, it is estimated tonight. Because of the fact that they were isolated by the breaking of the dam, which shut off any means of reaching other communities, hundreds of families in the vicinity were facing a food famine tonight. All possible efforts were being made to send relief to the sufferers in the valley.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—Suffering and danger from floods, snow and intense cold in the Rocky Mountain region today accompanied the storm that struck the Pacific Coast yesterday.

At Butte a street car slipped on icy tracks and twelve passengers were injured. Near the Dalles, Washington, a freight train ran into a work train in a blinding snowstorm, killing six men.

Railroad communication with Phoenix, Ariz., stopped when a bridge on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad at Agua Fria river went out. Ray, Ariz., was said to be facing famine.

TRAINMEN VOTE TO STRIKE

Four Brotherhoods of Railroad Workers Preparing to Demand Shorter Hours and Better Conditions.

New York, Jan. 31.—Railroads of the United States are facing a strike of such magnitude that every line in the country would be involved should it be declared.

Engineers, firemen and engine men, conductors and trainmen on every steam railroad in the country taking a referendum vote have indicated by their balloting that they favor a national strike. Factional strife has been dropped and the four brotherhoods have united in their demand for an 8-hour day and time-and-a-half pay for overtime.

"Strike first and parley afterward" is the sentiment of the organized workmen, who say they are tired of arbitration and that it has failed to benefit them in the past.

The railroad stockholders and managers are predicting ruin. They point in alarm to the fact that already the employees of the railroads of the United States are getting 45 per cent of the combined gross earnings of the roads. The union leaders are offering no reply. The men, by their votes, are making answer. It is probable that the roads will receive the ultimatum May 1. On that date the present contracts expire.

BRANDEIS NAMED AS JUDGE

President Wilson Appoints Boston Lawyer to Vacant Seat on the Federal Supreme Bench.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Louis D. Brandeis of Boston was named by President Wilson yesterday associate justice of the United States Supreme Court to succeed Justice Lamar, deceased. Official announcement was made at the White House.

Mr. Brandeis's nomination went in the Senate in the afternoon. It was a surprise everywhere in official circles. Mr. Brandeis had not even been mentioned for the vacancy.

A bitter fight on Brandeis's confirmation immediately was predicted. No senator would be quoted as ready to give his opinion although they expected to see opposition.

Brandeis, as far as is known, is the first man of Jewish blood to be appointed to the supreme bench. Though a Kentuckian by birth, his speech has a noticeable New England twang through long residence in Massachusetts.

GERMANS REPULSE FRENCH ATTACKS

Allied Troops Unable to Retake Ground Lost to Teutons, Says Berlin.

QUIET ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT

Constantinople Reports Situation Unchanged in Caucasus and Mesopotamia—Erzerum Surrounded.

Berlin, Jan. 31.—All the ground gained by the Germans in their offensive movements near Neuville and south of the Somme, reported yesterday, has been retained, it appears from today's official statement by army headquarters, the French counter attacks having been repulsed.

The text of the statement is as follows:

"Fighting is continuing about the position conquered by us on and south of the road from Vimy to Neuville. A French attack was repulsed.

Repulsed a Feeble Counter Attack.

"The position conquered by us south of the Somme extends to 3,500 meters at a depth of one thousand meters. A total of seventeen officers and 1,270 men were taken prisoners. Among these are several English. The French attempted a feeble counter attack, which was easily repulsed.

"East of Pont-a-Mousson (in the Woivre district) a French infantry advance was repulsed."

French Line Holds South of Somme.

Paris, Jan. 31.—The repulse of two German infantry attacks on French positions near Dompierre, south of the River Somme, was announced today by the war office.

This afternoon's statement says:

"Late yesterday the Germans delivered an attack on our positions south of Somme, opposite Rompierra. The enemy's infantry was twice repulsed and thrown back into its trenches."

Quiet in the Balkans.

London, Jan. 31.—Little fighting has been going on in the Russian front, except in Uscieczko, on the Bukowina frontier, where repeated attacks by the Russians against the Austro-Hungarians are declared by Vienna to have been repulsed.

Constantinople asserts that the situation in the Caucasus and Mesopotamia, where the Turks are battling respectively with the Russians and British, is virtually unchanged. Petrograd, on the other hand, reports that to the north of Erzerum the Russians continue their advance, taking prisoners and capturing machine guns.

Russians Hem in Erzerum.

Athens, Jan. 31.—The Russians are surrounding Erzerum, from which city the Turkish authorities have fled, according to reports reaching here. A strong Russian column is advancing to the Tigris Valley, the advices say.

Allies Take Greek Fort.

London, Jan. 29.—A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram Company from Saloniki says that detachments of marines from British, French, Russian and Italian warships in the harbor landed at daybreak Friday on the Karaburun Peninsula under the guns of their ships and occupied the Greek fort there. The garrison of the fort offered no resistance, but the commander of the troops entered a protest at being compelled to evacuate.

This action by the Entente Allies, according to the dispatch, was dictated by strategic reasons and the undesirability of having the fortress in other hands than their own.

New German Offensive.

Petrograd, Jan. 29.—Early renewal of military activity along the northern end of the Russian front, in the Riga and Dvinsk districts, is forecast by Russian military critics. Their expectation is based in part on the unusual activity of German aircraft in reconnoitering the Russian lines. Not only aeroplanes, but Zeppelins are being employed.

This activity, in connection with information obtained from prisoners captured in Bukowina, concerning removal of German troops from the region, leads to the belief that the Germans may be preparing an offensive in the north for the purpose of counteracting the Russian attack in Bukowina.

Artillery Fire Increasing.

Along the Stripa river the artillery fire of the Teutons is increasing daily in intensity, and it is assumed they are preparing an offensive under cover of the bombardment. Trench battles, in which hand grenades and mines are employed, are occurring along the banks of the Dneister and between Boyan and Rance.

As for the Caucasian campaign, there has been no official report of a further advance.

Chickens that come home to roost have more sense than some men.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the original little liver pills put up 40 years ago. They regulate liver and bowels.—Adv.

Spain has opened an aviation school near Madrid in which the government aids those receiving instruction.

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Designing Boss.
"And how do you like your new boss, Larry?" we asked our friend, the big Irish foreman, who is doing the excavating for the overhead bridge out on Union street.

"Well, I found him to be a very timpting man, sor, very timpting, in-dade."

"Tempting? Whatchu mean tempt-ing?"
"Why, he timpts me every toime he comes round—timpts me to say something so he can fire me. He don't loike me a bit, sor."—Cleveland Leader.

Seconded, but Not Carried.
Paul Armstrong often told how a lawyer acquaintance of his, who lives at Seattle, was retained to defend a colored man accused of abducting with the funds of a colored debating society. The outlook for the defendant was rather black. At the trial the attorney for the defense arose, as soon as the charge had been read, and said:

"Your honor, I move that the indictment be dismissed."

"Before he could proceed further his client was on his feet, too, addressing the bench without a trace of embarrassment."

"Your honah," said the defendant briskly, "I seconds dat motion."—Saturday Evening Post.

RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.

To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and ¼ oz. of glycerine. Apply to the hair twice a week until it becomes the desired shade. Any drug-gist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and removes dandruff. It is excellent for falling hair and will make hair soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off.—Adv.

Frequently Hunted.
Ichabod—Father, what is a lark?
Father—The kind some men go out after, my son, is a small, hot bird.

Bad Risk.
"Broken your New Year's resolutions yet?"
"Every one of them. I wish I'd had the doggoned things insured."

Playing Safe.
"So you don't guide hunting parties any more?"
"Nope," said the guide. "Got tired of being mistook for a deer."
"How do you earn a living now?"
"Guide fishin' parties. So fer no-body ain't mistook me for a fish."

Holding the Form.
The newspaper humorist went court-ing. He stayed late, very late, so late that the old man called down to his daughter, "Phyllis, hasn't the morning paper come yet?"
"No, sir," answered the funny man, "we are holding the form for an important decision."
And the old man went back to bed wondering if they would keep house or live with him.—Boston Transcript.

She Had the Evidence.
"He doesn't like my cooking," sobbed the three months' bride, a tear on her long lashes. "I just know he doesn't. So there!"
"What makes you think so?" her mother asked. "Has he said he doesn't like your cooking?"
"N-no-o," stammered the bride.
"Nonsense, child, it's just your imagination. I felt there was no basis—"
"There is a basis," the bride insisted, tearfully. "I had been cooking the loveliest things for him for about two weeks, and then he told me he had decided to become a raw-food faddist. Boo-hoo-o-o-o!"—Judge.



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